(c) It is a fact that Shri Rajendra Singh son of Shri S. S. Saran, Chief General Manager, Chandrapur area is working with M/s. General Marketing & Mfg. Co. as Service Engineer. Chandrapur area has only one Dy. General Manager viz. Shri N. K. Sharma. None of his relations is working with M/s. GMMCO.

(d) It is a fact that Shri Rajendra Singh son of Shri S. S. Saran, CGM, Chandrapur area and Shri Milind Naik son of Shri V. Naik, Ex-Dy. General Manager, Chandrapur area who is working as JuniorlExe-cutive Trainee (Mining) in Ballarpur area of WCL were arrested by police during the investigation in the case of alleged murder/disappearance of Shri Sudarsan Lal, Superintendent of M/s. GMMCO. They are arrested along with four others on 1-8/ 2-8-90 in case No. 185/90 and subsequently released on bail on 10-8-90.

(e) No deal involving the officials of WCL with M/s. GMMCO has come to notice. Hence, question of taking action does not arise.

(f) Not applicable in view of (e) above.

Utilisation of Gas produced in The Bombay High

♦359. SHRIPRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to . Unstarred Question 633 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what additional facilities have been created to bring the gas produced in the Bombay High to the shore for supply to the consumers;

(b) whether an inter-ministerial Committee set up for examining the various issues pertaining to the establishment of a Southern Gas Grid has completed its task;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what progress has been made for the supply of natural gas to domestic consumers as also industrial and commercial consumers in Bombay; and

(e) what progress* has been made in the matter of supplying natural gas to Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Bhopal, Delhi and Simla?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The Hscra Process Complex was commissioned by ONGC on 2-9-1990 and the Heera-Uran Gas Trunkline was commissioned on 8-8-1990 thereby increasing the utilisation of natural gas by 1. 5 million cubic metres per day.

(b) No, Sir. The report of the Inter-Ministerial Group is yet to be submitted.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) GAIL's proposal for the supply of natural gas in the Bombay city for domestic and commercial consumers is under consideration of Government.

(e) At present there is no proposal for supplying gas for domestic use in Jaipur, Bhopal and Simla. Gas is already being supplied to a power plant of DESU in Delhi, Further GAIL have undertaken a feasibility study of a scheme to supply gas for domestic/commercial purposes in and around Delhi. The request of Government of Gujarat for supply of gas to Ahmedabad has not been agreed to so far in view of the availability and existing commitments of gas in the area.